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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Uresh K. Vahalia & Percy Tzelnic

Serial No.: 09/261,621

Filed: March 3, 1999

For: File Server System Providing Direct Data
Sharing Between Clients With A Server
Acting As An Arbiter and Coordinator

Group Art Unit: 2154

Examiner: Dustin Nguyen

Atty. Dkt. No.: EMCR:039/AUC

REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED AUGUST 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a reply to the Official Action dated Aug. 12, 2004.

Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer, an Information Disclosure Statement Form 1449, and copies of eight papers cited on the Form 1449. Also enclosed is a Fee Transmittal form authorizing the terminal disclaimer fee of \$110, the fee of \$180 for the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement and the fee of \$176 for the presentation of two independent claims to be charged to EMC Corporation Deposit Account 05-0889, Order No. EMC-98-092.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

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